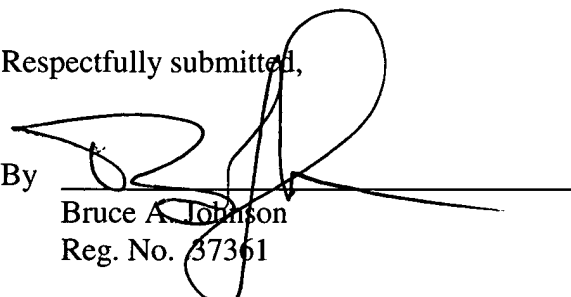


REMARKS

Claims 21-48 have been canceled to eliminate the requirement for excess claims fees. A second Preliminary Amendment submitting new claims will follow this continuation application. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the subsequent Preliminary Amendment when examining this application.

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